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SUMMARY OUTLINE OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN ISRAEL

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Summary Outline of Communist Activity in Israel

Introduction. This paper is an attempt to summarize in outline and analytical form what we know about the Communist movement in Israel. The paper is intended for reference; it is not a study and it makes no interpretations and draws no conclusions save the judgments necessary to bring things together. [REDACTED]

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I. The Communist Party of Israel (Miflaga Qommunistit Yisraelit or MAKI).

A. Organization.

1. Secretariat (all re-elected Jun 61).

- a. Shmuel Mikunis, MP (re-elected Aug 61), secretary general; cultural and foreign relations responsible (Mar 61).
- b. Tawfiq Elias Tubi, MP (re-elected Aug 61), Little Triangle DC secretary (Mar 61); Arab affairs responsible (Mar 61); WPC member (1955 on).
- c. Esther Vilenska, MP (1955-59, Aug 61); trade union and municipal activities responsible (Mar 61).
- d. Meir Vilner, MP (1955-59), Secretariat and education responsible (Mar 61); organization secretary (Sep 61).
- e. Ruth Lubitch (not a Politburo member; newly-elected to Central Committee in Jun 61); was deputy chairman of control commission 1957-61; secretary general of Union of Democratic Women in Israel (Jul 59).

Note: Though elected to the Secretariat at the 13th (1957) Congress, Tubi and Vilenska were apparently off that body from Nov 59 to Jun 61.

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2. Politburo (all re-elected Jun 61) contains all Secretariat members except Ruth Lubitch plus the following:
 - a. Dr. Moshe Sneh, MP (re-elected Aug 61); Knesset faction leader and Kol-Ha'am chief editor (Mar 61).
 - b. Emil Habibi, MP (1955-59; 1961) cadre training responsible (Mar 59); presumably served on Secretariat Nov 59-Jun 61.
 - c. David Hinnin, Tel Aviv DC secretary (Mar 61).
3. Full Central Committee members (re-elected Jun 61 except where noted) include the foregoing eight members of the Secretariat and Politburo plus the following:
 - a. Zondel Avin alias Berl Balti.
 - b. Uzi Burstein, youth and armed services responsible (Mar 59); secretary general of BANKI.
 - c. Eliahu Druckman, Haifa DC secretary (Mar 61); presumably served on Secretariat and Politburo Nov 59-Jun 61.
 - d. Wolf Erlich.
 - e. Yhoshua Irgo, Coastal Plain DC secretary (Mar 61).
 - f. Saliba Khamis, Al Ittihad chief editor (Nov 60).
 - g. Fuad Jabbar Khuri.
 - h. Shmuel Litvak.
 - i. Jamal Musa.
 - j. Pinhas Tubin (candidate member prior Jun 61).
 - k. Yaakov Zilber (new member Jun 61). Negev DC secretary (Mar 61); member of Tel Aviv Municipal Council (1960).

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4. Candidate Central Committee members (elected Jun 61).
 - a. Munam Jarjura (reduced from full membership).
 - b. Shlomo Salmi (reduced from full membership), Southern DC secretary (Mar 61); member of Ramleh Municipal Council (1960).
 - c. Adolf Avraham Berman (re-elected) was MP 1955-59; chairman of Anti-Nazi Fighters Organization and of Israel-Polish Friendship League.
 - d. Fishel Hertzberg (re-elected).
 - e. Avraham Hess (re-elected), Jerusalem DC secretary (Mar 61).
 - f. Mordekhai Kaspi (re-elected).
 - g. Zahi Qarqabi (re-elected).
 - h. Salim Qasim (re-elected), Nazareth DC secretary (Mar 61).
 - i. Eliezer Feiler (newly-elected), agriculture and settlement responsible (Mar 59).
 - j. Avraham Lebenbraun (newly-elected).
 - k. Emil Tuma (newly-elected).
5. Control Committee (elected Jun 61).
 - a. Tsvi Aryeh Breitstein (re-elected), chairman (Mar 59); husband of Secretariat member Esther Vilenska, MP (Mar 59); responsible editor of Kol-Ha'am (1960).
 - b. Shimon Cohen (re-elected), responsible for MAKI financial enterprises and chairman of Association for Popular Culture (Mar 60).

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c. Hanna Naqara (re-elected).

d. Pnina Feinhaus (newly-elected), Galilee DC secretary (Mar 61).

e. Mordekhai Irgo (newly-elected).

6. Recent Congresses.

a. 12th: 1952.

b. 13th: May-Jun 57.

c. 14th: May-Jun 61.

B. Strength.

1. Total membership: 2950 (2500 Jews, 450 Arabs) (Mar 61); at 14th Congress MAKI claimed its membership 1/4 Arab (Jun 61).

2. 73 cells represented at 14th Congress (May-Jun 61).

3. Electoral and Parliamentary strength.

a. 1949: 4 MP's, 15,148 votes (3.48%).

b. 1951: 5MP's, 27,324 votes (3.98%).

c. 1955: 6 MP's, 38,492 votes (4.51%).

d. 1959: 3 MP's, 27,374 votes (2.82%).

e. 1961: 5 MP's.

C. Press (1959-60).

1. Kol-Ha'am (Hebrew daily official), Moshe Sneh is chief editor (Mar 61); Tsvi Breitstein is responsible editor (1960); circulation not over 1,500 per day (Oct 60).

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2. Al Ittihad (Arabic twice weekly, official), Saliba Khamis is chief editor (Nov 60).

3. Al Darb, MAKI monthly theoretical journal (Jun 60).

4. Voix du Peuple (French, official?), Hanna Hess, editor (Dec 59).

Note: Hanna is wife of MAKI's Jerusalem DC secretary, Avraham Hess, and Israeli correspondent for l'Humanite (Dec 59).

5. Glasul Poporului (Rumanian weekly, official), Mayer Samu, editor (Dec 55).

6. Walka (Polish, official?).

7. Naroden Glas (Bulgarian weekly, official (Apr 60).

8. Nepszava (Hungarian, official?).

9. Zu Haderech (Hebrew monthly, official) (Apr 60).

10. Al Jadid (Arabic monthly), art and literary magazine (Apr 60).

D. Contact with other CP's.

1. Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU).

a. Shmuel Mikunis and Tawfiq Tubi attended 19th CPSU Congress of Oct 52.

b. Shmuel Mikunis and Emil Habibi attended 20th CPSU Congress of Feb 56.

c. Shmuel Mikunis and probably Emil Habibi attended 21st Congress of Jan-Feb 59.

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d. Shmuel Mikunis, Tawfiq Tubi, and Esther Vilenska attended the 81 CP's Conference in Moscow in Nov 60.

e. Shmuel Mikunis and Meir Vilner to attend 22nd CPSU Congress of Oct 61.

2. Polish United Workers Party (PUWP).

a. Meir Vilner and Yhoshua Irgo (Polish Jew) attended PUWP Congress of Mar 59.

b. Jozef Czesak and Wincenty Krasko, PUWP Central Committee members, attended the 14th MAKI Congress of Jun 61.

3. Bulgarian Communist Party (BCP).

a. Meir Vilner attended the BCP Congress of 1954.

b. A BCP representative attended the 13th MAKI Congress of May-Jun 57.

c. Uzi Burstein and Berl Balti attended the 7th BCP Congress of 1958.

d. Nissim M. Jahiel of the BCP Central Committee and Ivan V. Raikov of the Fatherland Front Central Committee attended the 14th MAKI Congress of Jun 61.

4. German Socialist Unity Party (SED).

a. Tawfiq Tubi attended the 3rd SED Congress of 1956.

b. Esther Vilenska attended the 5th SED Congress of 1958.

c. Max Kahane, an editor of Neues Deutschland, attended the 14th MAKI Congress of Jun 61.

5. Communist Party of France (PCF).

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- a. Two PCF representatives attended the 13th MAKI Congress of May-Jun 57.
 - b. Meir Vilner attended the 15th PCF Congress of Jun 59.
 - c. Fishel Hertzberg attended the 16th PCF Congress of May 61.
 - d. Raoul Calla, of the PCF Central Committee, attended the 14th MAKI Congress of Jun 61.
6. Hungarian Socialist Workers Party (HSWP).
- a. Esther Vilenska attended the 2nd HWSP Congress of 1952.
 - b. Moshe Sneh attended the HWSP Congress of 1959.
7. Chinese Communist Party (CCP).
- a. Meir Vilner, David Hinnin, and Fuad Khuri attended the 8th CCP Congress of Sep 56.
 - b. Tsvi Breitstein was to attend the 10th CPR Anniversary celebrations in Peking (Sep-Oct 59).
- Note: Reuven Kaminer is the Israeli correspondent for NCNA (Jul 61).
8. Italian Communist Party (PCI).
- a. Shmuel Mikunis attended the 8th PCI Congress of Dec 56.
 - b. Aldo Natoli, PCI Central Committee member, contacted MAKI members in Israel in Nov and/or Dec 60.
9. Rumanian Workers Party (RWP): Shmuel Mikunis and Salim Qasim attended the RWP Congress of Jun 60.
10. Czech Communist Party: Meir Vilner and Jamal Musa attended 11th Czech CP Congress of Jun 58.

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11. Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB): two CPGB members attended the 13th MAKI Congress of May-Jun 57.
12. Canadian Communist Party: Harry Goralnick, Canadian CP Central Committee member, attended the 14th MAKI Congress of Jun 61.
13. Cyprus Communist Party (AKEL): John Katsurides, AKEL Secretariat member, attended the 14th MAKI Congress of Jun 61.
14. Arab Communist Parties (reports suspect).
 - a. MAKI leaders Ahmad Abdullah al-Harbug and Jamil al-Abd al-Jawuni contacted the CP Lebanon in Beirut (May 59).
 - b. MAKI leaders Awdah Ashab and Tawfiq Tubi met CP Jordan leader Na'im Ashab in Ramallah (Aug 61).

E. Factionalism.

1. Basis: cultural differences.
 - a. Arabs: Tawfiq Tubi, Emil Habibi (ALNL*), Saliba Khamis, Fuad Jabbar Khuri, Jamal Musa, Zahi Qarqabi, Salim Qasim, Emil Tuma (ALNL).
 - b. Russian Jews: Shmuel Mikunis (Ukraine) (PCP**), David Hinnin (Byelorussia).
 - c. Lithuanian Jews: Esther Vilenska (PCP), Meir Vilner (PCP), Uzi Burstein.
 - d. Polish Jews: Moshe Sneh (Mapam***), Yhoshua Irgo, Fishel Hertzberg, Adolf Avraham Berman.

*Ex-Arab League for National Liberation.

**Ex-Palestine Communist Party.

***Ex-member of United Workers Party.

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- e. Latvian Jews: Berl Balti (PCP).
 - f. Rumanian Jews: Eliahu Druckman.
 - g. Bulgarian Jews: Shlomo Salmi.
2. Instances of factionalism based on cultural differences.
- a. Emil Tuma and Salim Qasim favored Israeli adherence to the 1947 demarcation agreement whereas Mikunis and the Jewish element wanted mutual concessions on the frontier only (May 57).
 - b. Emil Habibi and other MAKI Arab leaders attempted to set up a broadly based Arab Movement for National Liberation but this was squelched by the dominant Jewish faction of the party (Feb-Mar 58); presumably these objections were overcome later and an inaugural meeting of this Movement took place (Jul 58).
Note: Tubi more pro-Jewish than Habibi (as of May 58).
 - c. The demotion of Shlomo Salmi, leader of the Bulgarian group in MAKI, from full to candidate membership in the Central Committee, was regarded by that group as discrimination on grounds of national origin (Jun 61).
3. Instances of factionalism based on ideological differences.
- a. Hanokh Bzhora group left MAKI in 1956, criticizing that party for its "Stalinism" (subservience to the USSR) and for its anti-Zionism. The group included Joseph Vogel, Yitshak Hasson, and Hagai Bets.
Note: "National Communism" came in for severe criticism at the 13th MAKI Congress of May-Jun 57.
 - b. Some members of Moshe Sneh (former left Mapam) group resigned in 1958 over "neo-Stalinist" leadership and Nagy execution. The group included Moshe Levin, M. Zeinchnor, Dan Chahor, Rachel Chahor, Malhiel Mevah, Menahem Lodan, and Mathatiahon Mintz.

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II. Affiliates of International Front Organizations.

A. Israel Peace Committee, affiliate of World Peace Council (WPC).

1. Presidium (tentative).

- a. Meir Yaari (Mapam), chairman (1950-60); WPC member (1955 re-elected 1958).
- b. Dov Zakhin (Mapam), acting secretary general (Sep 59-Apr 60); attended Delhi WPC meeting (Mar 61).
- c. Yacuv Majus (Mapam), secretary general (1950-58), who attended Stockholm Peace meeting of May 59; or Israel Barzilay (Mapam), secretary general (Jul 58) and WPC member (1955, re-elected 1958).
- d. Elizer Halevi (Ahut Avoda), WPC member (elected 1958); attended Stockholm Peace meeting of May 59 and Delhi WPC meeting of Mar 61.
- e. Shlomo Derekh (Drechsler) (Ahut Avoda), WPC member (elected 1958); attended Colombo WPC meeting of 1957.
- f. Tawfiq Tubi (MAKI), WPC member (1955, re-elected 1958); attended Stockholm Peace meeting of May 59 and was to have attended Delhi WPC meeting of Mar 61 but was refused Indian visa.
- g. Shmuel Eisenstadt (MAKI), WPC member (1955, re-elected 1958).

2. Others active recently.

- a. Faige Elanit (Mapam left), noted as a leader of the movement in 1960; IPC Presidium member (1950-57).
Note: Elanit was listed as a MAKI member in 1950.

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3. Factionalism: Zionist majority (Mapam/Ahut Avoda) vs. Communist minority (MAKI) ever since founding in 1950; tension reached peak during Sinai campaign of 1956 resulting in apparently temporary disruption of IPC during 1957-58.

Note: As of 1958 at least, this organization used Frei Yisroel as its unofficial mouthpiece.

B. Anti-Nazi Fighters Organization, affiliate of International Federation of Resistance Fighters (FIR).

1. Secretariat (Aug-Oct 59), all MAKI members.
 - a. Adolf Avraham Berman (MAKI-CC candidate), chairman; FIR General Council member (Mar 59); responsible editor Frei Yisroel (1960); chairman of Israel-Polish Friendship League (Apr 60).
 - b. Yermiyahu Michael Landau, vice chairman; Secretariat member of Israel-Polish Friendship League (Apr 61).
 - c. Berl Balti (MAKI-CC), secretary general.
 - d. Gustav Golovner, Executive Committee member of Israel-Polish Friendship League (Jul 59).
 - e. Sh. Amram.
 - f. B. Berland.
 - g. A. Hass (possibly identical to MAKI-CC candidate member Avraham Hess).
 - h. Meir Lamm.
 - i. Yehudah Sheibitz.

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2. International contacts.

- a. FIR Secretary Max Oppenheimer (W. Ger.) attended the 3rd ANFO Conference of Aug 59 and the 5th ANFO Conference of Apr 61.
- b. I. Blum, secretary general of the Union of Jewish Fighters in France, attended the 3rd ANFO Conference of Aug 59.
- c. Alfred Hauser, representing the West German Organization of the Victims of Nazi Persecution, attended the 4th ANFO Conference of Feb 60.
- d. Adolf Berman attended an Apr 56 FIR meeting in France, the 3rd FIR Congress in Vienna (Mar 59), and a Jul 60 FIR meeting in Vienna. In Jul 60 he also met leaders of the Organization of Fighters for Democracy in Poland and of the Federation of Victims of Nazi Persecution in West Germany.
- e. Y. M. Landau attended an FIR meeting in Florence in Nov 59.

Note: This organization uses Frei Yisroel as its unofficial mouthpiece and has over 18 branches (1960).

C. Women's organizations, all affiliated to the Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF).

1. Union of Democratic Women in Israel (MAKI and fellow travellers) Secretariat.
 - a. Dr. Ethel Klinger, president (Jul 59).
 - b. Ruth Lubitch (MAKI Secretariat), secretary general (Jul 1959-60); attended Copenhagen International Assembly of Women meeting in Apr 60.
 - c. Lavivah Div, vice president (1960).

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- d. Devorah (Doba) Katz-Jaffe, attended 1956 WIDF meeting in China; was to attend 4th WIDF Congress in Vienna in Jun 58; editor of Union's monthly Alonekh (Jul 59).
- e. Hanna Sneh, representative to WIDF's International Committee of Mothers (1960).
- f. Bracha Avin (formerly Shakhnait), was to attend 4th WIDF Congress in Vienna in Jun 58. She is the wife of MAKI-CC member Berl Balti.

g. Sarah Litvak.

2. Federation of Israeli Women (Mapam and Ahut Avoda).

- a. Emma Levin-Talmi (Mapam), MP, attended WIDF meetings at Helsinki and Peking (prior Jul 59).
- b. P. Ben-Shaul (Mapam), secretary of the Organization of Mapam Women.
- c. R. Lev (Mapam), attended International Committee of Mothers meeting at Sofia (Feb 58).
- d. G. Namah Ginsor, attended Copenhagen International Assembly of Women meeting (Apr 60).
- e. Rivqah Limon, attended Copenhagen International Assembly of Women meeting (Apr 60).
- f. Adoh Stulman Glezer (Ahut Avoda), attended Copenhagen International Assembly of Women meeting (Apr 60).
- g. Yokhebed Bat-Rahel (Ahut Avoda).

D. Affiliates of World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY).

- 1. Young Communist League (BANKI).

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- a. Uzi Burstein (MAKI-CC), secretary general (Dec 57-Feb 61); attended Komsomol Congress of Apr 58; Israeli representative of World Youth (WFDY) (Sep 59).
- b. Binyamin Ganizdovits, Secretariat member (Dec 57-Feb 61).
- c. Abu-Hanna Hanna, Secretariat member (Dec 57-Feb 61).
- d. Yair Tsevi, Secretariat member (Dec 57-Feb 61).
- e. Yair Zaban Zalman, Central Committeeman (Jul 61); attended preparatory meeting of VIIth World Youth Festival in Stockholm (Mar 58); acted as secretary general of BANKI in Burstein's absence (Apr 58); chief editor of BANKI's monthly Kol Hanoar (1958?); participated in World Youth Forum (Jul-Aug 61).
- f. Yokheved Ganizdovits, central committeeman (Dec 57-Feb 61).
- g. Yosef Walstein, central committeeman (Dec 57-Feb 61).
- h. Abd-al-Fatah al-Zubi, central committeeman (Dec 57-Feb 61).
- i. Mosheh Zasek, central committeeman (Dec 57-Feb 61).
- j. Naman Habib, central committeeman (Dec 57-Feb 61).
- k. Rasan Habib, central committeeman (Dec 57-Feb 61).
- l. George Tubi, central committeeman (Dec 57-Feb 61); attended Moscow World Youth Forum Preparatory Committee meeting (Sep 60).
- m. Shsohannah Katz, central committeeman (Dec 57-Feb 61).

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- n. Bitsu Pansu, central committeeman (Dec 57-Feb 61);
probably identical to Benzion Pansu, listed as BANKI
central committeeman in Oct 60.
- o. Dani Pater (Peterziel), central committeeman (Dec 57-
Feb 61); secretary of BANKI Coastal District units (Oct 57).
- p. Nasrallah Qardush, central committeeman (Dec 57-Feb 61).
- q. Viqtor Rizk, central committeeman (Dec 57-Feb 61).
- r. Aryeh Shemueli, central committeeman (Dec 57-Feb 61).
- s. Shabati Sidi, candidate central committeeman (Oct 60-
Feb 61).
- t. Ibrahim Bulus, candidate central committeeman (Dec 57-
Feb 61).
- u. Avda Nimar alias Awdah Nimr, candidate central committee-
man (Dec 57-Feb 61); committeeman (1960).
- v. Oded Kaplan, candidate central committeeman (Dec 57-Feb
61).
- w. Zippora Sharoni, BANKI representative to Moscow World
Youth Forum Preparatory Committee meeting (Sep 60).

Note: David Hinnin (MAKI-PB) headed BANKI delegation to
1957 Moscow Youth Festival; Madhat Samarah and Ofnajim
David, delegates to the Jul 59 Vienna World Youth Festival,
may be BANKI members.

Note: League publishes monthly Kol Honoar (Apr 60).

- 2. Mapam youth: Shomer Hatsair, Hativah Hatseirah Shel Mapam.

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- a. Dov Pelleg represented Mapam at Moscow World Youth Forum Preparatory Committee meeting (Sep 60).
- b. Dov Zakhin attended 1960 Congress of Cypriot Communist-front United Democratic Youth Organization; also acting secretary general of Israel Peace Committee (1959-60).
- 3. Ahut Avoda Youth : Mahanot Haolim, Kibbutz Meuhad groups.
 - a. Dani Rosolio of Kibutz Meuhad attended Preparatory Committee meeting of 8th World Youth Festival at Moscow (Feb 61); attended 1960 Congress of Cypriot Communist-front United Democratic Youth Organization.
- E. Organization of Democratic Lawyers, an affiliate of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL).
 - 1. Committee elected May 55, at which time the organization was a joint front of MAKI, Mapam, and Ahut Avoda.
 - a. N. Nir-Rafalkes (Niederfleks), chairman.
 - b. Dr. Shmuel Eisenstadt (MAKI, WPC).
 - c. Weizner (fnu).
 - d. S. Sachheim, presumably attended Democratic Lawyers Conference in Calcutta (Jan 55).
 - e. Holodinwitz (fnu).
 - f. Yermiyahu Michael Landau (MAKI).
 - g. Nagbi (fnu).
 - h. Rosenberger (fnu).
 - i. Shevo (fnu).

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- j. Hanan Rubin (Mapam left).
- 2. Presumed Committee elected sometime after 1955, apparently all MAKI or MAKI sympathizers.
 - a. Moshe Ruditti (MAKI), representative of Organization of Democratic Lawyers to VIIth IADL Congress at Sofia (Oct 60).
 - b. Menahem Wachsman (MAKI), delegate to VIIth Congress at Sofia (Oct 60).
- F. Dov Meron (MAKI, Kol-Ha'am), D. Eshkol (Ahut Avoda, Lamerhav), and Y. Tarnopoler (Mapam, Al Hamishmar) attended the International Organization of Journalist's Second World Meeting of Journalists at Baden, Austria (Oct 60).

III. Friendship Associations.

A. Israel-USSR Friendship League (8 branches in Apr 60).

- 1. Zvi Nadava, chairman; died in 1960.
- 2. Eli Peleg, secretary (Apr 60).
- 3. Mosche Eidelberg, Presidium member (Apr 60); attended 1957 anniversary celebrations in Moscow.
- 4. Barukh Lilonel, Presidium member (Oct 59).
- 5. D. Israeli, Presidium member (1958).

Note: League publishes monthly Yedidut Israel-USSR (Apr 60).

B. Israel-Peoples China Relations Committee.

- 1. August B. Sak, chairman (Jun 60).
- 2. Charlotte Brysz, secretary (Jun 60).

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3. Zera Lubich, treasurer (Jun 60).
4. Haya Amir, Committee member (Jun 60).
5. Arele Epstein-Khuri, Committee member (Jun 60).
6. Hayim Broier, Committee member (Jun 60).

Note: Wolf Erlich (MAKI-CC) chiefly responsible for setting up this organization in Mar 59.

C. Israel-Polish Friendship League (13 branches in Jul 59).

1. Adolf Avraham Berman (MAKI candidate CC), chairman (Feb 56-Apr 60).
Note: Avraham Berman's brother, Jacob was Polish vice premier until 1956.
2. Y. Temkin, secretary general (Jul 59).
3. Yermiyahu Michael Landau, Secretariat member (Apr 61).
4. Tsvi Breitstein (MAKI-CC candidate), Secretariat member (Feb 56).
5. Y. Baumgarten, executive committeeman (Jul 59).
6. Y. Ben-Meir, executive committeeman (Jul 59).
7. Miss R. Goldman, executive committeewoman (Jul 59).
8. Gustav Golobner, executive committeeman (Jul 59).
9. B. Grien, executive committeeman (Jul 59).
10. P. Hertzberg, executive committeeman (Jul 59).
11. M. Vinetsky, executive committeeman (Jul 59).

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12. S. Witzner, executive committeeman (Jul 59).
13. Z. Labrinski, executive committeeman (Jul 59).
14. Y. Koyavski, executive committeeman (Jul 59).
15. Miss D. Rosen, executive committeeman (Jul 59).
16. T. Rosetzky, executive committeeman (Jul 59).
17. Z. Rosendorg, executive committeeman (Jul 59).
18. P. Portnoy, executive committeeman (Jul 59).

Note: Another Israel-Polish Friendship League is Zionist and headed by one Stefan Grajek.

D. Israel-Rumania Friendship League, all officers MAKI members;
7 branches as of 1955.

1. Moshe Katz, chairman (May 54-Nov 59).
2. Shaul Abramov, secretary (Jan 56).
3. Mayer Samu, Secretariat member (Jan 56).
4. Karl Eckhaus, Secretariat member (Jan 56).
5. Zeev Karp, Secretariat member (Jan 56).
6. Nathan Finklstien, national committeeman (Jul 56).
7. Joseph Fishler, national committeeman (Jul 56); assistant organization responsible for Tel Aviv Branch (Jul 56).
8. Albert Hershkovitz, national committeeman (1954-Jul 56).
9. Chaim Markovitz, national committeeman (Jul 56).

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10. Reuven Moskowitz, national committeeman (Jul 56).
11. Shmuel Pollak, national committeeman (Jul 56); organization responsible for Tel Aviv Branch (Jul 56).
12. Chava Rond, national committeeman (Jul 56).
- E. Israel-Bulgaria Friendship League: Sabatay Farchy (Perahi), chairman (Apr 55-Nov 59).
- F. Israel-Czechoslovakia Friendship League: Hanan Rosen, secretary general (Apr 55-May 60).
- G. Israel-Cuba Friendship League: Apr 61 founders included Emanuel Vidor, David Gluzman (MAKI), and Itshak Zilber (Mapam).
- H. Note: Marcu Tzudich and Shmuel Eisenstadt (MAKI, WPC) in mail contact with (East) German Association for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries as of Oct 60.
- I. Note: An Israel-Hungary Friendship League was reported in late 1958 but nothing further has been heard of it.

IV. Other front organizations.

- A. Union of Israeli Students (International Union of Students affiliate until Nov 58 because of anti-Israeli position of IUS following Sinai campaign). Dominated by non-Communist leftists as of Aug 60.
- B. Labor: MAKI representatives on Histadrut organs (has 6 out of 107 executive committeemen and 17 out of 322 general councilmen):
 1. Executive committeemen (elected Feb 60).
 - a. Esther Vilenska (MAKI Secretariat), member; attended Vienna WFTU Congress of 1953.

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- b. Eliahu Druckman (MAKI-CC), member.
 - c. Pinhas Tubin (MAKI-CC), member.
 - d. David Hinnin (MAKI-PB), alternate.
 - e. Shmuel Litvak (MAKI-CC), alternate.
 - f. Avraham Lebenbraun (MAKI-CC candidate), alternate.
2. General councilmen (elected Feb 60).
- a. Shmuel Mikunis (MAKI secretary general), member.
 - b. Ruth Lubitch (MAKI Secretariat), member.
 - c. David Hinnin (MAKI-PB), member.
 - d. Shmuel Litvak (MAKI-CC), member.
 - e. Yhoshua Irgo (MAKI-CC), member.
 - f. Uzi Burstein (MAKI-CC), member.
 - g. Shlomo Salmi (MAKI-CC candidate), member; WFTU trainee in 1954.
 - h. Avraham Lebenbraun (MAKI-CC candidate), member.
 - i. E. Neuman, member.
 - j. Esther Vilenska (MAKI Secretariat), alternate.
 - k. Eliahu Druckman (MAKI-CC), alternate.
 - l. Pinhas Tubin (MAKI-CC), alternate.
 - m. Avraham Hess (MAKI-CC candidate), alternate; his wife Hanna Hess, was a WFTU trainee in 1954.

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n. B. Elion, alternate.

o. Y. Loevenstein, alternate.

p. M. Suesser, alternate.

q. B. Ganizdovits, alternate; probably identical to BANKI Secretariat member Binyamin Ganizdovits.

Note: Itzhak Neuberger and Yoel Tendler were MAKI WFTU trainees in 1954.

Note: Deveh Yafeh is MAKI representative in Histadrut Women Workers Council (Jul 60).

C. Tarbut Lehum (Association for Popular Culture).

1. Shimon Cohen (MAKI Control Commission), chairman (Mar 60).

2. Frei Yisroel (Yiddish), weekly publication.

a. Y. Lipski, chief editor (1960); also correspondent for Czech News Agency (Jun 61).

b. Adolf Avraham Berman (MAKI-CC candidate), responsible editor (1960); also chairman of Anti-Nazi Fighters Organization and of Israel-Polish Friendship League (1959-60).

c. Dov Meron (MAKI), editor (Jun 61); attended IOJ's Second World Meeting of Journalists at Baden, Austria (Oct 60).

3. International contacts.

a. Union of Jews for Resistance and Mutual Aid (France).

b. Association of Jewish Cultural Organizations (Poland) - P. Binetzky.

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c. Brazil-Israel Cultural Union - F. Ferecmanis ?, M. Niskier ?, Messer (fnu).

d. Jewish Cultural Association (Argentina) - Sheneur Wasserman ?.

Note: Wasserman presumably became disaffected with Communism in 1960 or 1961.

e. Jewish Cultural Association (US) - Morgen Freiheit ?

f. Jewish Cultural Association (Canada).

g. Jewish Cultural Association (South Africa).

h. Jewish Cultural Association (Uruguay).

i. Jewish Cultural Association (Mexico).

D. Kibbitz Yed Hannah--2/3rds MAKI (1960).

E. Arab Popular Front (Jul 58-Jan 59).

V. Other far left groups.

A. Left wing of United Workers Party (Mapam).

1. Yacub Riftin, central committeeman (Sep 57-Jan 58).

2. Hanan Rubin, central committeeman (Sep 57); Organization of Democratic Lawyers (May 55).

3. Elieser Peri (Sep 57-Jan 58).

4. Faige Elanit (Sep 57-Jan 58), Peace Partisan (1950-60).

5. Avraham Kublanov (Jan 58).

6. Yusif Khamis, MP (Feb 58).

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Note: Meir Yaari, Peace Partisan chairman and Mapam secretary general, was described as a member of his party's center group in Sep 57 and of its right wing in Jan 58.

B. Third Force (Trotskyite), an affiliate of the IVth International.

1. Mordekhai Stein, chairman (1937-60).

Note: Stein a member of the Pakestine CP until 1937.

2. Amnon Zikhroni, secretary (1956-60).

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